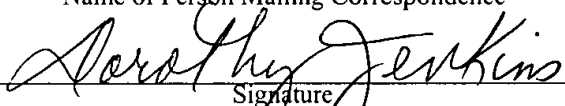


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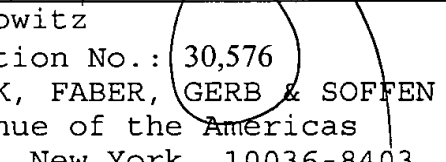
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error in the specification and to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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